

II. Remarks

The amendment filed on November 22, 2002 was timely filed in compliance with the rules in effect at the time the amendment was filed. The revised amendment practices of 37 CFR §1.121 became mandatory on July 30, 2003, more than six months after the November 22nd amendment was received by the offices as evidenced by a copy of the postcard receipt attached herewith. Therefore, it is respectfully requested that the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment be withdrawn. For the convenience of the Examiner, a list of the claims pursuant to 37 CFR §1.121 is enclosed.

If the Examiner has any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicant's attorney may be reached at (586) 739-7445.

Respectfully submitted,

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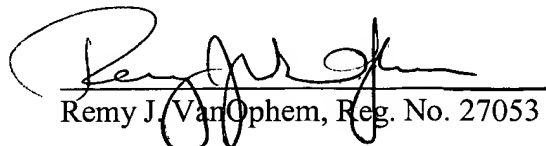
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